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Crisis In Confidence Still Hampers CIA Operations, Agency Official Says

By TED BELL Bee Staff Writer

The nation's secret intelligence agencies are entering a "new era" in their missions and relationship with a free society but are still hampered somewhat by a "crisis in confidence," the deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency said in Sacramento Friday.

Frank C. Carlucci addressed a news conference and later the noin meeting of the Comstock Club at the Red Lion. Inn in place of the CIA director, Adm Stansfield Turner, who had been to scheduled to speak but was called back to Virginia late Thursday upon learning his father was critically ill.

"Intelligence-wise, these are different times, they are exciting times," I Carlucci told an audience of more and the second of the second o

than 400 of Sacramento's business and political leaders. "Never, in my udgement, has there been so much interest on the part of the executive branch and on the part of the Congress in our intelligence product. And that provides an opportunity.

"But, yes, we are still living in a crisis of confidence (in the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies)," Carlucci added. "And that crisis of confidence makes it very difficult for us to take full advantage of those opportunities."
The 48-year-old former ambassador

to Portugal and undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, said that the system of checks and balances placed upon the U.S. intelligence agencies in recent years makes it "virtually impossible Same and the same

for the kinds of abuses that occured in the past to repeat themselves.

But other measures invoked to allow greater public scrutiny of the CIA have raised serious problems, he said, ranging from the Preedom of Information Act and former CIA operatives who seek to disclose secret information, to the definition of the responsibility of investigative reporters.

"I think we have to have clearly, an appreciation on the part of the American people that secreey is the heart of an intelligence operation," Carluccisaid. "Certainly government needs to be accountable. And certainly people like (Bob) Woodward and (Carl) Bernstein render an outstanding service in what they do and certainly we we want want to encourage journalists to be investigative journalists, but

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"We are frequently critcized by the press for excessive secrecy," said Carlucci, "and I'm willing to concede that there may well be a considerable amount of over-classification in government. I would just hope that my journalist friends would argue just as vigorously for the protection of intelligence sources as they argue for the protection of journalists' sources. To me, the principle is the same, except in the cases of intelligence sources we are frequently dealing with peoples"

The deputy director said, "We are also in the age of glorification of the whistle-blower" at a time when confidence in government is at a critical juncture.



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March 14, 1977

The Honorable Stansfield Turner Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of The Comstock Club, Inc. of Sacramento, California it is my pleasure to invite you to address our organization at your earliest convenience.

Like the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco and Town Hall in Los Angeles, the Comstock Club is comprised of men and women who share a common interest in public affairs and who meet regularly to hear speakers of prominence on a wide variety of problems and areas of interest. We currently have a membership of some 1400 men and women who comprise a healthy cross-section of Northern California's professional, business, governmental and educational leadership.

Since Sacramento is the Capital of the State, it houses one of the largest and most sophisticated concentrations of reporters and political observers in the State. Both wire services have major contingents stationed at the Capitol and, at last count, 76 other newspapers, radio stations, television stations and magazines, representing all markets in the State, have full time offices staffed in the Capitol. All of these newspersons receive personal notification of each Comstock speaker with the result that addresses to the Club are usually covered in the major media outlets in the State. In addition, your entire speech will be taped, and all or portions of it will be replayed at various times in the week following on radio stations in Northern California.

Enclosed is a brochure describing in more detail our Club, as well as some of the speakers who have addressed us recently.

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Our meetings are normally held on Monday at 12 noon, with adjournment at approximately 1:30. However, should your schedule not permit your addressing us on a Monday, perhaps you can suggest a substitute date.

Awaiting your reply, and with warm regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours

Brian R. Van Camp

President

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The Comstock Club's membership is composed of a healthy crosssection of Northern California's professional, business, governmental and educational leadership representing all shades of political opinion. Besides receiving notices of all meetings, members receive The Comstock, the Club's monthly journal, containing summations of selected addresses to the Club and news of Club activities.

The Comstock Club is a nonprofit, impartial, educational organization of men and women devoted to the task of bringing into clear focus basic and timely issues confronting our society.

The Comstock Club is funded entirely through membership dues and contributions. Its policies are established by a board of directors comprised of distinguished community leaders.

The Comstock Club takes no political stand, advocates no specific policy nor attempts any type of action. Its sole objective is to bring to its members and the community at large factual information in order to assist each individual in making up his own mind on important questions facing our country.

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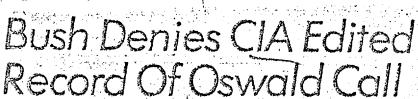
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LOS ANGELES HERALD*EXAMINER 30 November 1976

Bush Bites Tongue on CIA Budget

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Bush urges law on exposing secrets

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And, in a Meech to a Sacramento audience. Bush called for tough legislation to curb persons who expose intelligence secrets.

Time magazine, in its current issue quotes high naval sources as confirming that the Glomar Explorer, a Howard Hughes-constructed ship, recovered the sunken Soviet submarine nearly intact in 1974.

The Central Intelligence Agency, headed by Bush, had earlier admitted to only a partial recovery.

The Time story was an expansion and confirmation of an interview given to The Sacramento Union two weeks ago by Sacramento hairdresser Joseph Rodriguez, who was an engine room crewmen aboard the ship.

Time quoted Rodriguez as one of its sources about the recovery operation.

Bush issued a terse "absolutely no comment" when asked by reporters about the Time report outside the Sacramento Inn, where he addressed the Comstock Club.

"You're wasting my time and yours," he told one reporter who attempted to pursue the inquiry.

Bush, a former Texas congressman and diplomat who will end a year as chief of the CIA in January, didn't refer to the Glomar Explorer incident specifically in his speech, but he called for a legislative crackdown on those who reveal intelligence secrets—specifically the names of U.S. agents.

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Bush said he has "nothing but contempt" for authors who expose intelligence secrets. Laws should be "carefully drawn;" he said, to counteract the increasing trend toward revelation.



Sacramentan Lou Grab, left, reminisces with CIA chief George Bush. The two men served together on the aircraft carrier San Jacinto.

"I challenge." Bush told the overflow Comstock Club audience. "those who claim that secrecy in intelligence work is inconsistent with freedom and democracy to give us a realistic preview of what this nation's freedom and democracy would look like if we decided to abandon this essential protection against our adversaries."

Too much attention, Bush continued, has been paid to often overblown and inaccurate accounts of the CIA's covert operations and too little to its positive, intelligence-gathering activities.

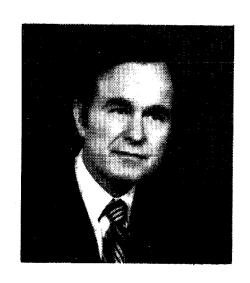
Covert activities, Bush said, comprise less than 2 per cent of the CIA budget and are not undertaken without high-level interagency review.

COMSTOCK CLUB presents

THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. BUSH
DIRECTOR

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

"FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE - 1976"



Seldom has this country had a greater need for an efficient intelligence service here and abroad, yet never has the CIA been pictured in articles and newspapers in such an unsympathetic vein. Established in 1947, as a successor to the World War II Office of Strategic Services, the CIA's mission is to gather and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security and perform such other functions as the National Security Council may direct. The CIA comprises some 16,000 employees, and has a budget estimated from 750 million to 2 billion dollars a year.

Director Bush has had a distinguished career in both the private and public sectors. Massachusetts born and bred (Phillips Academy), he graduated from Yale (Phi Beta Kappa) and was a carrier pilot in the Pacific Theater (Distinguished Flying Cross). After founding his own oil development company, he served his country as a Congressman from Texas, Permanent Representative of the U.S. to the United Nations, Chairman of the Republican National Committee and Chief U.S. Liaison Officer to the People's Republic of China. This will be the Director's first visit to Northern California, a visit you will want to mark as top priority on your calendar for Monday, November 29.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1976 - 12 NOON SACRAMENTO INN -- MARTINIQUE ROOM

Tickets: Members In Advance \$4.25 - Guests And At Door \$5.00

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Ticket sales for this meeting will be on a first-come basis. Unpaid reservations cannot be held after 5 p.m., Friday, November 26. NO REFUNDS THEREAFTER.

EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH

BY

MR. GEORGE BUSH

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

BEFORE THE

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 29, 1976

(FOR RELEASE AT 1:30 P.M.)

George Bush, Director of Central Intelligence, said today that the country must continue to have an intelligence system "that will provide essential national security" at the same time the nation is striving for a world of peace and trust.

In a speech before the Comstock Club in Sacramento, Mr. Bush said the nation's intelligence experts are faced with a "constant challenge, increasingly more difficult, in obtaining the necessary intelligence information on foreign countries and in making accurate evaluations."

Mr. Bush noted that the Central Intelligence Agency continues to attract young people with "character, scholarship, and ability" for employment, which, he said, "is the best guarantee that we will have an effective and capable intelligence capability in the future."

As for criticism of the CIA, Mr. Bush said the Agency had cooperated fully with Congressional investigators and he welcomed the establishment of new oversight bodies both in the Executive Branch and Congress earlier this year. "I report regularly to seven committees of Congress on our activities, so I feel there is adequate oversight of the CIA, and I welcome it."

He added that he is nevertheless concerned about any disregard of secrecy where intelligence sources and methods are concerned.

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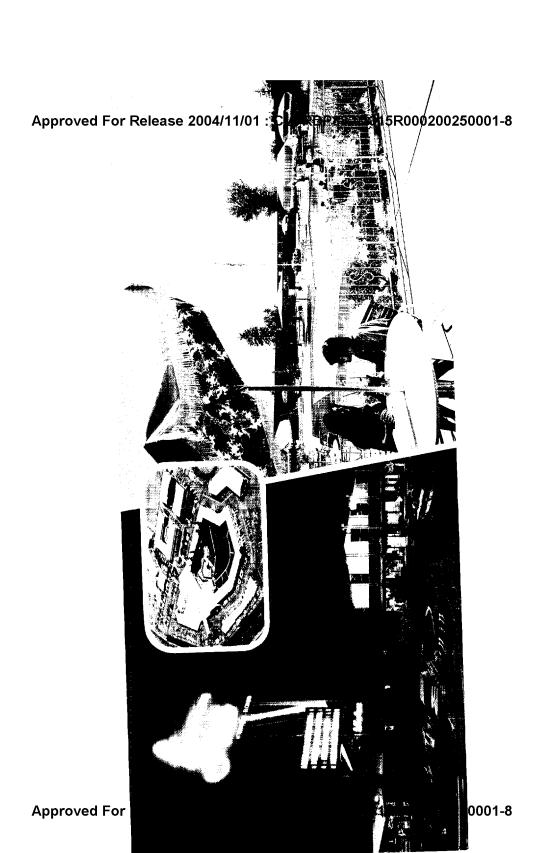
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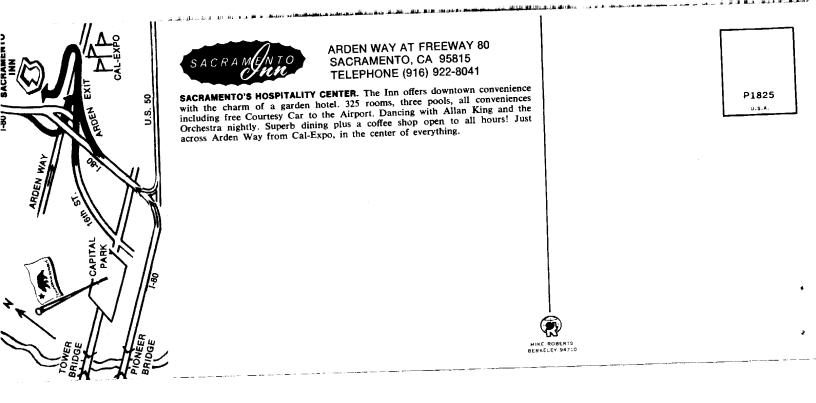
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"When I see a book or article that deliberately exposes our operations and relations with other governments, that deliberately names our people and their contacts, I have nothing but contempt for those authors," he said. "Nothing could be more damaging to the interests of our nation and our national security."

He added: "I challenge those who claim that secrecy in intelligence work is inconsistent with freedom and democracy to give us a realistic preview of what this nation's freedom and democracy would look like if we decided to abandon this essential protection against our adversaries."

"We recognize at the same time that along with secrecy accountability is important -- accountability to the President, to the Congress, and to the people," he said. "We need to replace suspicion with trust. I want to assure you the loyal Americans in our intelligence agencies are conscious of their responsibilities, and we are indeed accountable to the elected representatives of the American people."





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Mr. John F. Downey President, Comstock Club, Inc. 2206 K St. Sacramento, CA

Dear Mr. Downey,

It was good of you to invite Director Colby to speak to your club. He, unfortunately, has a very tight schedule. He will be flying back to Washington here immediately after his appearances in San Francisco.

Thank you, however, for your friendly offer.

Sincerely,

/s/ Augus Nachean Thuormen

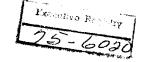
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